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Syria hails US-Russia chemical arms deal

DAMASCUS (AFP) - A US-Russian initiative to remove Syria's chemical weapons is a "victory" that averts war, a Syrian minister said yesterday, even as Washington and Paris warned that military action remains an option.

"On one hand, it helps the Syrians emerge from the crisis and on the other it has allowed for averting war against Syria," Minister of State for National Reconciliation Ali Haidar said of the deal. "It's a victory for Syria that was achieved thanks to our Russian friends."

The ambitious plan to dismantle and destroy Syria's chemical arms stockpile -- one of the largest in the world -- by mid-2014 was thrashed out over three days in Geneva between Kerry and his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov.

It gives Syrian President Bashar al-Assad a week to hand over details of his regime's arsenal of the internationally banned arms in order to avert unspecified sanctions and the threat of US-led military strikes.

It also specifies there must be immediate access for arms control experts and that inspections of what the US says is some 45 sites linked to the Syrian chemical weapons program must be completed by November.

Syria's information minister said Damascus will commit to the plan once it has United Nations approval.

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The future kings (and queens) of island kitchens shine on the final night of the 8th Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival



First place winners Christy, Yesman, Jadiee and Moses

A refreshed and re-invented Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival opened on Thursday evening, September 12, with the island's first Iron Chef competition, pitting three of the most respected masters of Aruban restaurant kitchens in a tense, tough contest in the Westin Resort Ballroom. Hundreds of connoisseurs of fine wine and food purchased tickets to enjoy this exciting evening, which included dinner and a wine tasting contest, where the Iron Sommelier was decided by popular vote of all those attending.

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Second place team with Chicken Yakitori



Third place team with Duck Ceviche



Fourth place team.



Winning dish Mediterranean Fish Cake

Competitors for the Iron Chef title, Scott Scheuerman of Aqua Grill and Edwin Husken of Screaming Eagle restaurants joined the winner of the contest, Urvin Croes, of Modern White Cuisine, and the Westin Resort's Chef Darwyn, as the judges of the final festival event on Friday evening, the EPI Culinary School Student Contest.

Six teams of four fledgling chefs, now studying at Aruba's EPI School, one of the most respected in the region, provided the elegant fare for the congenial event, while also competing for coveted prizes. Each team was mentored by an established chef, but the creations that comprised the evening buffet menu were all their own. It was accompanied by unlimited wine tasting from top island spirits distributors. Romar Trading, Tropical Bottling, Pepia Est and Aruba Trading Company offered dozens of prize vintages to compliment the gourmet buffet prepared by the students.

This popular public event is a bargain, with unlimited food,

wine and live music, lasting until 1:00 AM. Completing the "Art" part of the festival is a display and sale of works by island artists, which this year, was quite extensive; over 40 pieces. "Curators on the Go", Michiko Takatsu and Eduardo Valbuena, who run the Westin Art Gallery, organized the exhibit/sale. This also included a raffle for a work in progress, evolving before attendees eyes, with creative input from several well-known island artists. The proceeds from the raffle and 10% of all art sales will be donated to an island charity.

The competing students presented an assortment of elegant amuse-bouche, tasty, bite size samplings of duck, pork, shrimp, and other gourmet treats, in unlimited amounts. The Westin provided a sumptuous dessert table of tiramisu, triple chocolate cake and mango/passion fruit cheesecake. Frasa Trading, which sponsored the food stuffs for the students to prepare their entries, also featured a table of interesting items they distribute to island markets, easily prepared at home.

Westin's Food & Beverage Manager, Justin Carson, took on the MC duties for the evening in announcing the winners of the Student Chef Competition. Fourth place went to the team preparing Roast Pork with Raspberry Fizz. As in actual international food events, the judges provided each team with a constructive critique of their creations, such as advis-

ing the fourth place winners to have balanced their dish with something sour or spicy, as too many elements were only sweet.

The Third Place Winners, "EPI Team Peace" which prepared a very interesting Duck Ceviche, served in shot glasses, were complimented on the unique cooking method of the duck, but advised to cut back on the alcohol content of the dish.

Second place was won by the team mentored by White Modern Cuisine, which served up an elegant Chicken Yakitori. The judges were highly complimentary, but advised it could use "just a little more spicing up."



Second place winning dish Chicken Yakitori

All four chefs had no criticism whatsoever of the contest winner, a Mediterranean Fish Cake devised and prepared by student chefs Jaidee, Moses, Yesman and Christy. They termed it "absolutely fabulous, a perfect blend of Mediterranean flavors and textures." The thrilled team of young chefs were awarded several gift certificates from the Westin Resort.

Festival organizers report that the popular Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival will return to its regular slot on the local event calendar in 2014, which is usually late June or early July. They feel this shortened two-day version, with competitions that best showcase the talent of Aruba's most celebrated and future chefs, was a great success, and they look forward to seeing more astounding culinary acrobatics next year.



fourth prize winner roast duck with raspberry fizz

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Aruba joyfully welcomes Lan Airline



During last week's press conference the introduction of another airline for Aruba was announced. LAN Airlines will begin operating as of December 1st from Bogota, Colombia to Aruba.

This is very positive news

especially for the Latin American market. This happens to be an integral part of Aruba's efforts to diversify the flow of visitors for Aruba, which is giving the desired results with a growth of 26.82% in 2011, followed by 15.04% in 2012

and for this year up to August we have seen an increase of 16.80%.

The introduction of LAN concludes structural efforts of many years of trying to attract this airline to Aruba. Those efforts intensified with the association of LAN with TAM (LATAM). LAN has affiliates in Peru, Argentina, Colombia and Ecuador. The LATAM Association is considered one of the largest groups of airlines in the world with respect to connections consisting of 135 destinations in 22 countries. Their cargo department is also very large with 144 destinations in 27 countries. Their fleet consists of 317 aircrafts. The LATAM group has more than 53,000 employees.

LAN will be operating with a frequency of twice weekly, Wednesday and Sunday during the evening hours which will allow visitors to enjoy an entire day on our island before returning to their country. The aircraft will be an Airbus 320 with a seating capacity of 174 seats. Flight schedule will be as follows:



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Aruba – Bogota
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Aruba – Bogota
departure 02:30 arrival 03:10

They are preparing an intensive marketing campaign where LAN will use all sale channels and agencies to promote this service. Their ticket tariffs are expected to be very attractive which will definitely make Aruba a most attractive destination to visit. It will also give our own locals the option to visit different countries in the Latin American region. For those who book flights beginning September 12th to October 10th will receive the introductory fare of \$207. To make reservations, visit www.lan.com.

According to Herman Pasman, executive director of LAN Colombia, "we have high expectations of the results of this new route. It will benefit Aruba in view of the number of domestic flights in Colombia which will allow passengers to connect via Bogota to Aruba. What's more, this will be the only affiliate LAN airline with access to

Aruba bringing tourists from Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru and Ecuador. This will also contribute to the growth of this route."

According to Aruba Tourist Authority's CEO, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes, "the launching of this new airline service is the result of ATA's tireless work together with all our partners, such as the Ministry of Tourism, the Aruba Airport Authority, AHATA, and, of course the LAN airlines. We are very excited to announce this new airline. This will definitely increase our visitors from Colombia as well as from Brazil and Peru because of the favorable connections for these countries. ATA will be focusing her efforts not only on Colombia but also on Brazil where TAM is very strong offering a range of domestic connections. The potential is great and could reach a growth of 50% in the number of visitors from Colombia for 2014 and 20% for the Brazilian market by 2014."

Congratulations and thanks to all who worked hard on this for several years and those on Aruba who worked tirelessly to realize this another reality for our island, concluded CEO, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes.

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Horatio Alger Association awards 2013 Dennis R. Washington Achievement Graduate Scholarship to nine graduate students

Son of retired Aruban entrepreneur receives Horatio Alger Association Awards 2013

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc., a nonprofit educational organization honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals and encouraging youth to pursue their dreams through higher education, today announced it has awarded the 2013 Dennis R. Washington Achievement Graduate Scholarship to nine Horatio Alger Scholars across the United States. This scholarship was established in 2008 by Dennis R. Washington, founder of the Washington Companies and chairman emeritus of the Horatio Alger Association, and his wife Phyllis Washington through the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation. This organization

has since funded more than \$2 million in graduate grants.

The Dennis R. Washington Achievement Graduate Scholarship Program is a distinguished academic endowment established to provide financial assistance exclusively to exceptional Horatio Alger Scholars who are committed to pursuing graduate, medical or law degrees. The program is designed for undergraduate recipients of Horatio Alger Association scholarships who have completed a bachelor's degree with a minimum grade point average of 3.0, demonstrated leadership, entrepreneurial qualities and a passion for service to their community. Additionally, candidates must be accepted into a master's,

professional, or doctoral program at an accredited institution in the United States and must be a United States citizen.

"Together with Horatio Alger Association, the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation is dedicated to ensuring that exceptional undergraduates who wish to continue their academic careers are able to do so, in spite of any and all financial limitations," said Dennis Washington. "The nine 2013 Dennis R. Washington Achievement Graduate Scholarship recipients are a wonderful reflection of Horatio Alger Association and its mission of inspiring youth to pursue the American dream."

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The judges



Organizers with founder of festival, Ramiro Rafael



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Awarding nearly \$500,000 in graduate grants in 2013, the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation scholarship recipients will receive up to \$90,000 for a master's, doctoral or professional degree. The 2013 Dennis R. Washington Achievement Graduate Scholarship recipients are:

- Bethel Deresu, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University, 2004 Minnesota State Scholar

- Lisa Fong, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, 2007 California Scholar

- Jordan L. Harms, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 2008 National Scholar

- John T. Hermiz, University of California, San Diego, 2008 National Scholar

- Adam K. Mitchell, Harvard University, 2008 National Scholar

- Mathew Thomas, Duke University School of Medicine, 2006 Minnesota Scholar

- Mason D. Weber, Georgetown University School of Medicine, 2009 Missouri Scholar

- Allison K. Truong, Stanford University School of Medicine, 2007 California Scholar-Orange County Scholar

- Jacob G. Zitterkopf, University of Nebraska Medical Center, 2007 Ak-Sar-Ben Scholar

About Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans:

Founded in 1947, Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc., fulfills its mission of honoring the achievements of outstanding individuals who have succeeded in spite of adversity and of encouraging young people to pursue their dreams through higher education. Horatio Alger Association supports various undergraduate and graduate scholarship programs and, since 1984, the Association has awarded more than \$100 million in college scholarships to deserving young people.

Note: Jordan L. Harms, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, 2008 National Scholar, is the son of well known retired Aruban businessman and Amy Mitchell.

Proud to make a difference Playa Linda Housekeepers are a remarkable team



PALM BEACH - An entire week of activities, social events and well-deserved praise helped round out another successful Housekeepers Week at the Playa Linda Beach Resort. This year's celebration was dedicated to Playa Linda Housekeeper Cecilia Charless, who has been on the job since February 1990 and continues to carry out daily duties with a smile.

Many members of the Housekeeping staff are among the resort's most dedicated and longest-serving employees, with decades on the job, proving that they are indeed "Proud to Make a Difference." Housekeepers wore t-shirts, emblazoned with that very statement, as they launched Housekeeping Week last week, with a mass given by Juancho Pilongo.

During the opening ceremony, Executive Housekeeper Ingrid Todd, who herself marked 30 years of service with the resort this year, remarked that she is proud of the entire Housekeeping team and thanked them for their hard work and excellent performance levels.

Each day of Housekeeping Week featured a different activity, with events including a motivational lecture by Shara Kock, a donation to the SABA Elderly Home, and a relaxing



L to R: Remo Kock, Cecilia Charless and Ingrid Todd

day at the beach at The Palm Island. A group of 16 housekeepers even chose to use their own funds to spend their day off together with a trip to Curacao. On the final evening, Housekeepers were treated to dinner out at Tango restaurant.

The close camaraderie shared among Playa Linda's Housekeeping staff was on vibrant display at each Housekeeping Week get-together, with each event marked by easy smiles and high spirits.



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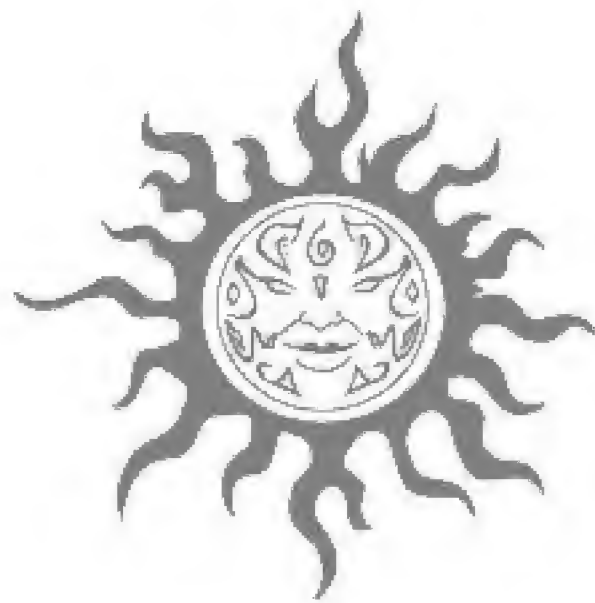
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Colorado floods leave 500 unaccounted for

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The water-soaked US state of Colorado saw more rainfall yesterday that threatened to slow the search for the 500 people unaccounted for after several days of massive flooding.

Among the hundreds missing, officials suggested many may simply not be able to call loved ones because of damage to cell phone towers or power outages.

"But we're still bracing," Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper said. "There are many, many homes that have been destroyed. A number have been collapsed and we haven't been in them yet," he

told CNN.

Some 500 people are unaccounted for, he added.

In addition, thousands have been evacuated after torrential downpours washed away roads and inundated communities, claiming at least six lives.

Rain began pelting the western state earlier this week, with Boulder especially hard hit, seeing 7.2 inches (18.3 centimeters) of precipitation in about 15 hours starting Wednesday night.

And with more downpours affecting already flood-ravaged areas, the situation could get even worse, Hickenlooper warned.



A general view shows journalists working with the wreck of Italy's Costa Concordia cruise ship in the background, near the harbour of Giglio Porto on September 15, 2013. Salvage workers will attempt to raise the cruise ship today, weather permitting, in the largest and most expensive maritime salvage operation in history, so-called "parbuckling", to rotate the ship by a series of cables and hydraulic machines. Thirty-two people died when the ship, with 4,200 passengers onboard, hit rocks and ran aground off the island of Giglio on January 2012. (AFP PHOTO)

Hurricane, tropical storm combine to kill 19 in Mexico

ACAPULCO (AFP) - Hurricane Ingrid and Tropical Storm Manuel triggered rain, landslides and floods as they neared Mexico's east and west coasts Sunday, killing at least 19 people and forcing thousands to evacuate.

The systems soaked large swaths of the country, causing rivers to swell, flooding streets and damaging bridges as they flanked the coasts, with Manuel in the Pacific and Ingrid in the Gulf of Mexico.

At least 14 people died and more than 2,000 abandoned their homes in the southwestern state of Guerrero, officials said.

Water rose as high as three feet (one meter) in parts of Acapulco, dragging cars away, while the road leading to the international airport's terminal was closed.

The city's port was shut to

navigation and a warning was issued against recreational use of beaches ahead of the hurricane's strong winds. Two men who sailed away were reported missing.

Tropical Storm Manuel was 10 miles (15 kilometers) from the town of Manzanillo in the western state of Colima and moving northwest at 10 miles (15 kilometers) per hour, posing a risk of flash floods and mudslides, the US National Hurricane Center said in an 1800 GMT advisory.

Manuel was expected to cross the coast "soon" and move inland over southwestern Mexico late Sunday and Monday, the Miami-based center said.

The storm's top winds weakened slightly to 65 mph (100 kph) and were expected to slowly weaken further.

As Hurricane Ingrid crept toward the east coast, three people, including a 16-year-old boy, were killed in a landslide in Tlatlaquitec, a mountain town in the central state of

The hurricane already forced the evacuation of 6,000 people in the east coast state of Veracruz after two rivers overflowed their banks.

At least 20 bridges were damaged during rains in the north of the state that cut off 71 communities, authorities said.

The US National Hurricane Center said Ingrid was moving slowly toward the coast, with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph (120 kph).

The storm was 120 miles (190 kilometers) from Tampico, Tamaulipas state, and its center was expected to be "very near" the coast by this morning, the center's latest advisory said.



Picture above shows a group of people walking through the flooded streets in Misantla, Veracruz, Mexico.

The forecasters also said Ingrid was expected to trigger a storm surge of as much as five feet (1.5 meters), with "large and destructive waves."

A hurricane warning was issued from Cabo Rojo to La Pesca, meaning that hurricane conditions were expected in that area within 36 hours.

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The kitchen is the beloved effort of well known island chef, Jeffrey Roy Elliott, the master in the kitchen of Elliott's Italian restaurant adjacent to Costa Linda. Jeffrey has gone back to his Jamaican roots for this enthu-



Jeffrey Elliott and wife Daisy

siastic effort with his wife Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess. The regular menu features the traditional cuisine such as Jerk Chicken, Fried Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items, but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from what is fresh and seasonal.

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International News

Iraq attacks kill 46 as official escapes assassination

HILLA (AFP) - Attacks across Iraq, including more than a dozen car bombs, killed at least 46 people on Sunday while the head of Baghdad's provincial council escaped an assassination attempt on his convoy.

The violence was the latest in months of unrelenting bloodshed, the country's worst since 2003, that has sparked concern Iraq is slipping back into the all-out sectarian war of previous years that killed tens of thousands.

Authorities have imposed tough restrictions on movement in the capital and elsewhere, and carried out wide-ranging operations against militants, but insurgents have pressed their attacks.

On Sunday, they struck in more than a dozen towns and cities, with at least 17 car bombs, killing 46 people and wounding more than 130 overall.

The deadliest violence was in and around the city of Hilla, the predominantly Shiite capital of Babil province south of Baghdad, where four car bombs killed 19 people, police and medics said.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the violence, which largely struck majority Shiite areas. Sunni militants linked to Al-Qaeda, however, often target Iraq's Shiite majority, whose adherents they regard as apostates.

In Baghdad, meanwhile, a car bomb hit the convoy of Riyadh al-Adhath, chief of the

provincial council and a Sunni lawmaker from the party of the national parliament speaker.

Adhath was unharmed but two others, including one of his bodyguards, were killed and four people were wounded.

The blast shattered the windows of nearby shops and buildings, and security forces imposed a cordon around the area in the aftermath, an AFP journalist at the scene said.

A separate car bomb later on Sunday in the capital killed three others.

The surge in violence comes as the government grapples with a prolonged political stalemate, with no significant legislation passed since March 2010 parliamentary elections.

Social media erupts over French jeweller who killed thief

PARIS (AFP) - A French jeweller who shot dead a teenage robber last week has sparked an intense national debate in France, with a Facebook page supporting him attracting more than 1.4 million "likes".

Stephan Turk, 67, shot an 18-year-old in the back on Wednesday as he and another robber were fleeing on a scooter with gems stolen from the jeweller's shop in the French Riviera city of Nice.

His actions have divided France, with supporters arguing for the right to self-defence amid a general climate of insecurity, while critics condemn the use of violence and vigilantism.

A Facebook page against

the jeweller and the use of force has also emerged over the past few days, though it has a comparatively meagre 13,800 "likes".

French law allows for killers to escape conviction for murder if they can show they acted in "legitimate defence".

But the prosecutor who recommended Turk be charged with murder does not believe this can be applied as the jeweller's life did not appear to be in immediate danger when he fired an unlicensed semi-automatic pistol.

If convicted of voluntary homicide, the jeweller could spend the rest of his life in prison.

Outcry over rape of five years old girl in Pakistan

LAHORE (AFP) - Rights campaigners staged protest rallies across Pakistan on Sunday against the rape of a five-years old girl in the eastern city of Lahore whose condition is now relatively stable.

Police still have no clue who carried out the attack despite detaining several suspects and releasing most of them after questioning, a law enforcement official said.

The five-year old girl was kidnapped on Thursday and brutally raped in the eastern city of Lahore.

Police said the girl was found outside a hospital at around 8pm on Friday, a day after she went missing from a low-income neighbourhood in the city.

"Her condition is relatively stable but still she is in the Intensive Care Unit," doctor

Farzand Ali, medical superintendent in the Services hospital told AFP.

Senior police officer Zulfiqar Hameed said investigators had questioned several suspects but have yet to formally arrested anyone.

Doctors earlier said the child was raped several times.

Rights campaigners and workers from NGOs on Saturday and Sunday staged protest rallies across Pakistan and demanded the arrest of the culprits, witnesses said.

Widespread outrage dominated social media while Pakistan private TV channels prominently broadcast reports on the girl and her ordeal.

Rape is notoriously difficult to prosecute in Pakistan, where women are often treated as second-class citizens.

In April 2011, the Supreme

Court upheld the acquittal of five men sentenced to death in Pakistan's most famous rape case, that of Mukhter Mai.

Mai was gang raped in 2002 on the orders of a village council as punishment, after her brother, who was aged just 12 at the time, was accused of having illicit relations with a woman from a rival clan.

A local court had sentenced six men to death, but a higher court acquitted five of them in March 2005, and commuted the sentence for the main accused, Abdul Khaliq, to life imprisonment.

In neighbouring India, a judge on Friday sentenced to death four men convicted of the fatal gang rape and murder of a student on a New Delhi bus last December, fulfilling the last wish of the 23-year-old victim who later died of her injuries.

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Swiss seek sex crime register after therapist's murder

GENEVA (AFP) - Swiss campaigners Sunday demanded a nationwide register of sex offenders, amid outrage following the murder of a female therapist who accompanied a convicted rapist on day release.

A three-nation manhunt continued for suspected killer Fabrice Anthamatten, on the run since Thursday's fatal outing, with forces in Switzerland and neighbouring France and Germany on alert and an Interpol arrest warrant issued.

Leading activist Anita Chaaban said Adeline Morel's death was a wake-up call.

Chaaban said she aimed to push for a referendum to create a centralised, life-long register of sex offenders, who would remain on the list even after having served their sen-

tence.

Plebiscites are the bedrock of Swiss direct democracy, and in 2004 voters backed a law crafted by Chaaban to put violent sex offenders behind bars for life.

Separately, lawmaker Natalie Rickli of the populist Swiss People's Party said Sunday that she would table a bill banning day release for sex offenders.

Switzerland is a federal republic where justice and police affairs are run by its 26 cantons, the equivalent of US states.

Beat Villiger, deputy head of the Swiss cantonal justice and police association, told the SonntagsBlick newspaper that the rules needed a shake-up, with only men being allowed to accompany sex offenders on

day release.

Morel, 34 and the mother of an eight-month old child, had been alone with Anthamatten Thursday.

An experienced therapist at a Geneva detention facility, she was taking him to a local horse-riding centre as part of his treatment, after a positive report on a previous outing on September 3.

Police found her body Friday in a wood near the centre.

French and Swiss citizen Anthamatten, 39, was serving 15 years for a rape committed in France while on parole in Switzerland, where he had been sentenced to five years in another case.

French justice authorities had allowed him to be transferred to a Swiss jail.

'Artificial nose' sniffs out blood-poisoning threat

WASHINGTON (AFP) - An "artificial nose" capable of detecting the odor from germs that lead to blood poisoning could help save many lives and reduce medical costs, a conference heard on Sunday.

Scientists who developed the "nose" said it can show within 24 hours whether a patient's blood has bacteria that cause sepsis, a gain of up to two days over conventional

methods.

Unveiled at a conference in Indianapolis of the American Chemical Society, the "nose" entails a palm-sized plastic bottle filled with a liquid nutrient that helps bacteria to grow.

Attached to the inside of the bottle is a small array of chemical dots that change color in reaction to the odors released by the telltale bacteria.

The new device can iden-

tify eight of the commonest disease-causing bacteria, Carey said in a press release issued by the American Chemical Society.

The device builds on a prototype developed a couple of years ago at the University of Illinois. The earlier model used lab dishes and a solid nutrient material to feed the bugs, which took longer and was less sensitive, the press release said.

Blood poisoning kills more than a quarter of a million people each year in the United States alone and inflicts treatment costs of more than \$20 billion (15 billion euros) annually, according to figures cited in the presentation.

The device "can be used almost anywhere in the world for a very low cost and minimal training," said Carey.

Japan to be nuclear-free as last reactor switched off



TOKYO (AFP) - Japan Sunday began switching off its last operating nuclear reactor for an inspection, with no date scheduled for a restart amid strong public hostility towards atomic power.

The move will leave the world's third largest economy without atomic energy for the second time since the Fukushima nuclear crisis erupted in March 2011.

Nuclear power supplied about one-third of the resource-poor nation's electricity before a tsunami knocked out cooling systems and sparked meltdowns at Fukushima, causing tens of thousands to flee their homes.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has openly supported a return to the widespread use of atomic energy, but the public remains largely opposed on safety grounds.

Japan previously was without any nuclear energy in May 2012, when all of the country's 50 commercial reactors stopped for checkups in the wake of the disaster.

Utilities were unable immediately to restart them due to public opposition.

It was the first time in more than four decades that Japan had been without nuclear power.

Government officials and utilities voiced concern at the time that Japan could face major blackouts without nuclear power, particularly in the western region that relied heavily on nuclear energy.

Anti-nuclear campaigner Greenpeace Japan said the country must seize the opportunity of being without nuclear power to focus on promoting renewable energy.

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Court case renews debate on US 'Open Internet' rules

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Debate is back on in Washington on US regulations on "net neutrality" which bar Internet broadband providers from blocking or discriminating against services or content.

A court case for which arguments were held this month brought by Verizon, one of the largest Internet service providers, challenges the "Open Internet" rule approved in 2010 by the Federal Communications Commission.

The seemingly arcane rule, or changes to it, could have an important impact: some say it may determine whether fixed broadband providers can control what services flow through

their networks.

"These rules provide an important safeguard both for innovation and investment on the Internet," said David Sohn, an attorney with the Center for Democracy and Technology, which backs the FCC rules.

Sohn said that if Verizon has its way, it and other providers like Comcast or AT&T could "play favorites," by blocking or degrading services such as YouTube or Netflix to promote their own offerings or that of their partners.

"Every user every day benefits from this rule for the services they use, whether it's YouTube or Twitter or something else," Sohn told AFP.

But Verizon and its allies argue the FCC lacks authority to interfere with their business, and that Congress never decided these companies were regulated utilities or "common carriers."

The FCC, in a 3-2 majority decision December 2010, said it imposed the rules to ensure that the Internet "has no gatekeepers limiting innovation and communication through the network."

But participants at the appeals court hearing said two of the three judges appeared inclined to overturn the FCC rules, although the decision could stem from either jurisdictional or fundamental legal arguments.

Whatever the appeals court decides, the debate is likely to continue. Either side could appeal to the US Supreme Court, and the issue could end up in Congress, which has been divided on the issue.

Amid the US debate, the European Commission this month adopted a similar "net neutrality" provision barring any blocking or throttling of competing or data-heavy services.

With the stakes high, Washington lobby groups on both sides have been ramping up their efforts.

"This affects most Americans who watch a movie on Netflix or who make a phone call on Vonage," said Pantelis Michalopoulos, lawyer for parties arguing in support of the FCC rules.

Michalopoulos said companies like Verizon "have the incentive and ability to

discriminate" against service and could, for example, degrade Netflix to the point where viewers would see blank screens.

But another Washington lawyer who works on tech issues, and who requested not to be cited because of clients he represents in the sector, said he did not believe service providers would try to dramatically reshape what flows through their networks.

"It would be commercially infeasible to offer an Internet service if you couldn't get to the big sites," the lawyer said.

More likely, the attorney said, would be deals mirroring what is taking place in the wireless space, which is not subject to the same rules, and where providers offer premium packages on an exclusive basis, such as NFL football games.

Firms like Verizon fear that if the FCC has its way, the agency would be in a position to more tightly regulate broadband as a public utility, which might mean regulating prices as well.

Scott Cleland at the advocacy group NetCompetition, which backs Verizon in the case, said overturning the FCC rules would bring free-market economics back to the Internet.

"Consumers would be able to pay less, not more for broadband, if consumers no longer were forced to shoulder the full broadband cost of Internet access by subsidizing the biggest edge companies like Netflix and Google-YouTube, which consume about half of the Internet's peak traffic," Cleland said on his blog.

Sci-Tech

Indonesian Google Street View driver in triple crash and run

BOGOR (AFP) - A driver collecting video data for internet giant Google's Street View feature in Indonesia slammed into two vehicles after trying to flee responsibility for an earlier crash, police said.

The Indonesian man had been driving a Subaru hatchback in Bogor district on the outskirts of the capital, Jakarta, on Wednesday with Google's logo and a camera poking from the roof, when he hit a public minivan.

The man, whom police declined to name, was detained after the third crash and taken in for questioning.

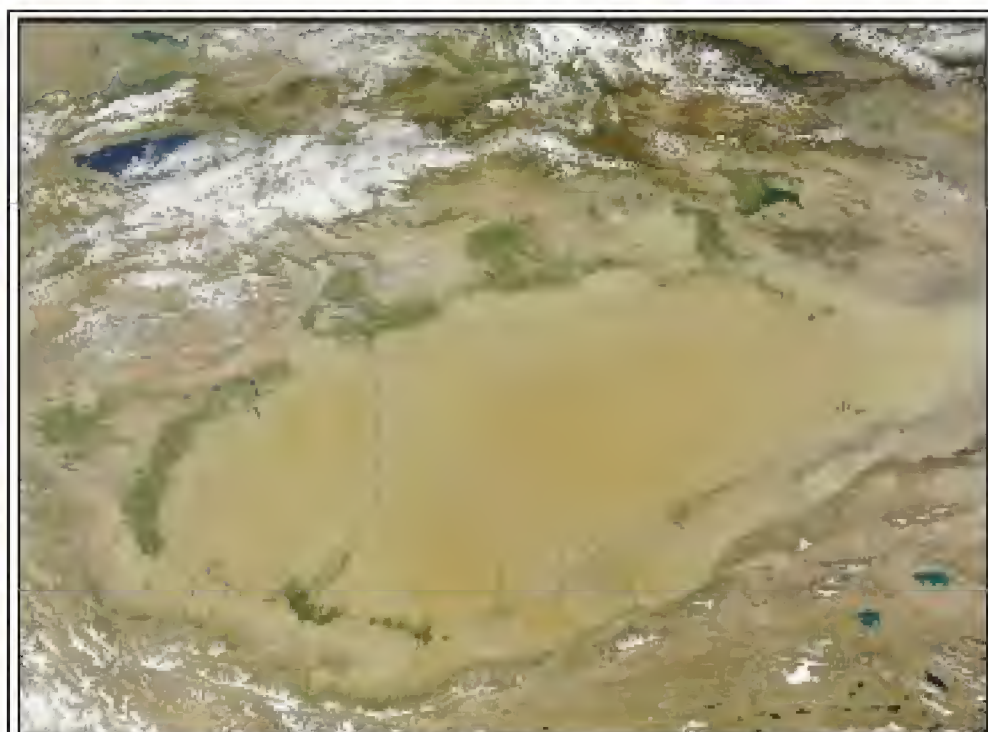
Google could not be contacted for comment.

Google has previously run into trouble with Street View, which allows users to zoom in on real-life everyday images recorded with the company's cameras that take 360-degree footage.

Images of an Australian couple having sex on the hood of a car on a highway appeared on Street View in April, and in March, Google struck a deal with US authorities to pay a \$7 million fine for collecting people's personal data for Street View without authorisation.

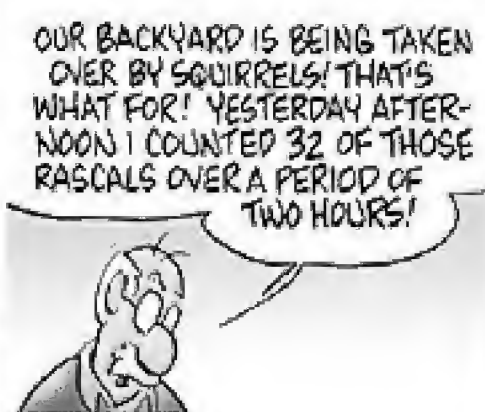
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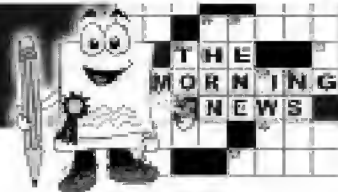


SPACE (AFP)- This image, captured by NASA's Terra satellite last week, shows the Taklimakan Desert in Western China. The Taklimakan Desert has an area of 337,000 km² (130,116 sq. mi.) and includes the Tarim Basin, which is 1,000 kilometres (620 mi) long and 400 kilometres (250 mi) wide. It is crossed at its northern and at its southern edge by two branches of the Silk Road as travelers sought to avoid the arid wasteland. It is the world's second largest shifting sand desert with about 85% made up of shifting sand dunes ranking 18th in size in a ranking of the world's largest non-polar deserts.

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18. Enclose
20. Half (prefix)
21. Cupid
23. "Viva ___ Vegas"
24. London gallery
28. Cooking measures (abbr.)
30. Electronics store
31. Boa, for one
33. Chit
34. Wharf
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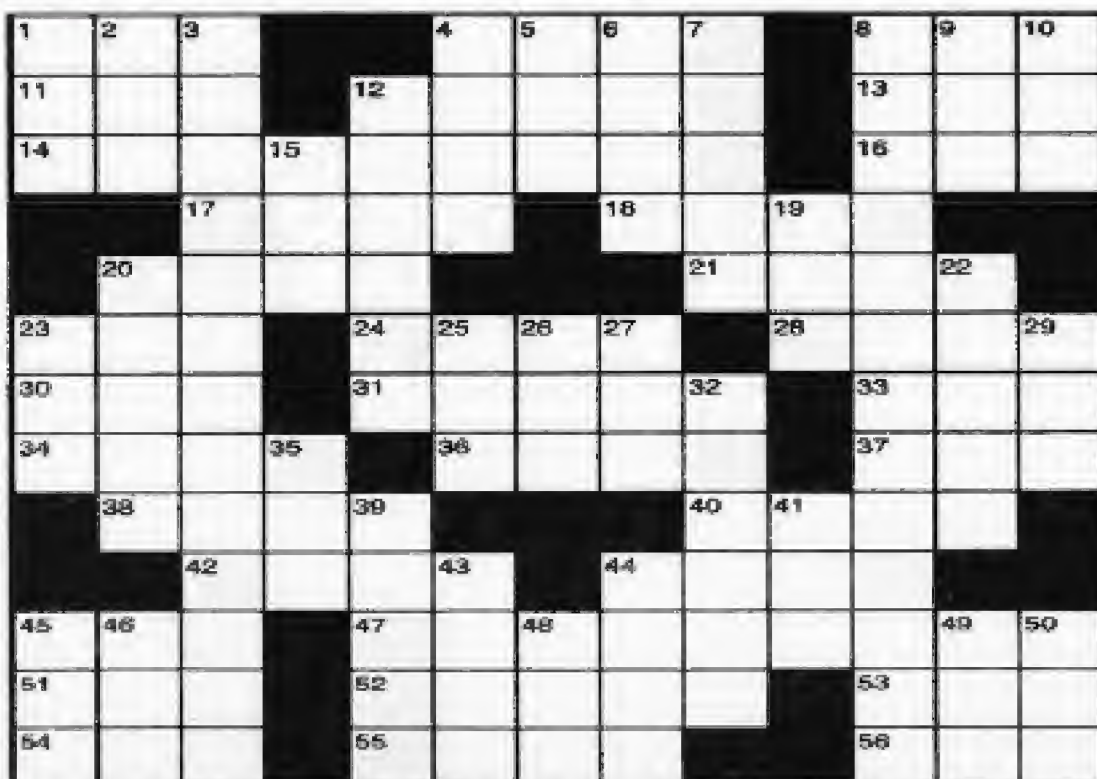
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32. Works hard
35. Family reunion guests
39. Like Desi Arnaz
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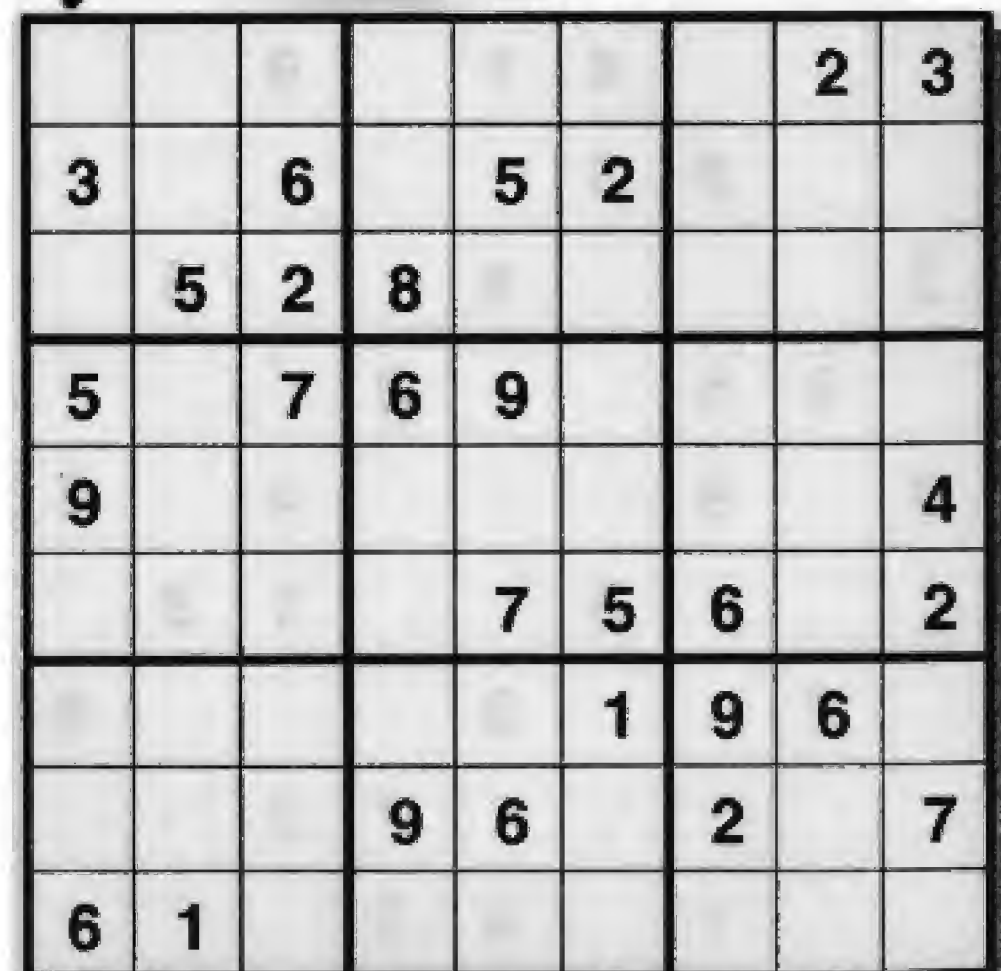
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Cross-border lending stable in Q1 of 2013

ZURICH (AFP) - Cross-border lending was all-but-stable in the first quarter of 2013, despite an unprecedented rise in credit to emerging powers China, Brazil and Russia, the Bank for International Settlements said yesterday.

The Swiss-based BIS said in its quarterly statistics that such loans fell by \$28 billion (21 billion euros) across the quarter, 0.1 percent down on the previous three months.

The BIS, which is often dubbed the central bankers' central bank, said two factors were responsible.

The first was a fall in inter-bank loans, notably from banks inside the 17-nation eurozone, which was nonetheless offset by a rise in credit granted by the non-banking sector.

From the beginning of January to the end of March, inter-bank loans declined by 0.8 percent to \$137 billion, while those from the non-banking sector rose by 0.9 percent to \$110 billion.

The second factor, meanwhile, was the rapid growth in loans to emerging economies, which contrast with the fall in credit in developed nations.

The BIS said that interbank loans to emerging economies reached a historic high, underlining that this was just the latest step in a long-term trend.

Cross-border loans to such economies rose by 8.4 percent

during the quarter, reaching \$267 billion. Brazil, China and Russia accounted for 85 percent of the growth.

While more than half of loans to emerging players were issued in offshore financial centres, the BIS noted that European banks were increasingly active in the field.

Loans to emerging economies by eurozone-based banks, notably those in France and the Netherlands, rose for the first time since the second quarter of 2011.

In developed economies, however, credit continued to fall.

Cross-border loans in Britain fell by 4.0 percent, while those in the eurozone were down by 2.7 percent, marking their fourth consecutive quarterly decline.

In the United States the fall was 0.8 percent, the sixth in a row, but the BIS noted that it was less sharp than in previous quarters.

Japanese banks, meanwhile, returned to their position as the world's largest providers of cross-border credit, a position they had lost in the aftermath of the crisis in the 1990s.

They increasingly have been lending out of their offices abroad, whereas the share of cross-border claims booked in Japan has been declining, the BIS said.

Summary of the Monthly Bulletin of June 2013 shows: Net foreign assets went down

ORANJESTAD -- During the month of June 2013, money supply contracted by Afl. 94.6 million, resulting from an Afl. 119.0 million decrease in net foreign assets (excluding revaluation differences of gold and foreign exchange holdings), which was partially offset by an Afl. 24.3 million increase in net domestic assets. The drop in net foreign assets was largely caused by net transfers to foreign accounts of resident companies. Additionally, payments for the import of goods and services surpassed gross tourism receipts during the month under review.

The growth in net domestic assets was caused by an Afl. 61.2 million expansion in domestic credit, resulting from higher claims on both the private sector and the public sector, of respectively, Afl. 35.8 million and Afl. 25.5 million. Non-credit related balance sheet items, on the other hand, fell by Afl. 36.9 million. The growth in claims on the private sector was attributed to increases in commercial loans (+2.4 percent), housing mortgages (+0.3 percent) and consumer credit (+0.5 percent).

The expansion in the net claims of the banking sector on the public sector resulted from a growth in the gross claims on the public sector of Afl. 10.9 million, while development funds and government deposits decreased by, respectively, Afl. 10.8 million and Afl. 3.8 million.

In June 2013, the consumer price index (CPI) registered a decline of 3.1 percent, compared to the same month of 2012. The main contributors to this contraction were housing, clothing & footwear and household operation. Excluding the effect of food and energy (which partly impacts the housing and transport components), the core CPI rose by 0.4 percent, compared to June 2012.

In June 2013, the number of stay-over visitors reached 76,964, which is 5.6 percent higher than in June 2012. This growth was caused mainly by a rise in visitors from North America and Latin America of, respectively, 8.5 percent and 12.9 percent. The growth in the North American market was caused predominantly by increased arrivals from the United States of America (+8.3

percent), while that of the Latin American market resulted from gains in the number of visitors from Venezuela (+15.5 percent). Conversely, the European market contracted by 14.1 percent, related mostly to a decline in visitors from England. The number of cruise visitors grew by 11,820 in June 2013, compared to the same month of the previous year. The number of ship calls rose to 12 in June 2013, up from 3 in June 2012.

In June 2013, total government revenue amounted to Afl. 94.5 million, Afl. 11.3 million lower, compared to the same month of the previous year. This decline was the result of contractions in both tax and non-tax revenue, of respectively, Afl. 6.1 million and Afl. 5.2 million. The drop in tax revenue was related mostly to decreases in income from profit tax, wage tax, and import duties, which were in part counterbalanced by gains in revenue from land tax, transfer tax and excises on beer and tobacco. Income from foreign exchange tax rose slightly, while that of turnover tax (B.B.O.) remained unchanged.

AFP photo shows Stephane Dan (bottom), a crystal hunting guide, and Alexandre Pittin, mountaineer and crystal hunter, searching for crystal as they walk on the La Dent du Geant (The Giant's Tooth), a mountain in the Mont Blanc massif. In Chamonix, they are about fifteen crystal hunters who diligently practice this ancestral activity. The rocks are crystalline and foliated, made essentially of quartz and feldspar, darkened here and there by higher concentrations of iron and magnesium.



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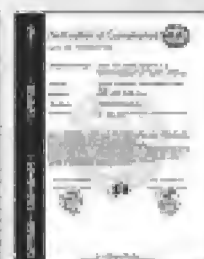
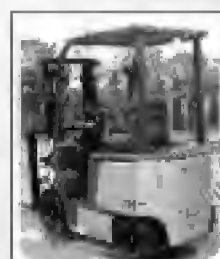
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Pop greats kick off Rock in Rio music fest

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - US diva Beyonce and French DJ David Guetta opened Rock in Rio, one of the world's largest music festivals, overnight Saturday.

Some 85,000 people are expected to show up for each day of the week-long event, which features 127 bands and artists.

The opening night's main attraction, Beyonce, took the stage shortly after midnight, promising to transform the City of Rock into the City of Pop.

Justin Timberlake, Metallica and Alice in Chains are expected to join the long list of national and international stars performing at the event.

The gates to City of Rock, the festival's mega venue set to be transformed into an Olympic Park for the 2016 Games, swung open early Friday as fans raced to secure a spot.

"It was a lot of effort to get here so early, so I spent the night here," said Roberto Graell, 32, a lawyer from the southeastern city of Minas Gerais.

The Brazilian Symphony Orchestra took to the World Stage, host of the biggest shows, as viewers swayed to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

The orchestra continued with rock classics such as "Satisfaction" by the Rolling Stones and Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody."

On Sunset Stage, where musicians performed between major shows, a duo of Brazilian Maria Rita and Belgian Selah Sue captivated the audience as night began to fall.

"This sound is great, and it's only here we have the opportunity to hear this music," said attorney Carolina Maciel, 35.

Earlier in the day, before the



performances, the public got another form of entertainment with amusement rides and games, including a roller coaster, bungee jumping and a climbing wall.

Rock in Rio creator Roberto Medina said he looked forward to Bruce Springsteen's show.

"I'm not a groupie," Medina

insisted.

The megafestival first opened in Rio in 1985, attracting 1.4 million people. Since then, Lisbon and Madrid have also hosted the event.

The festival runs September 13-22 at the huge venue.

picture: People enjoy Florence and the Machine performing on a zip-line

Swedish king, 40 years on throne



STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf celebrated 40 years as monarch Sunday in true Scandinavian egalitarian style by inviting everyone to come and dance at the royal palace. "I invite everybody to a music and dance party in the inner courtyard of the royal palace," the 67-year-old said according to national Swedish radio. "And everybody is welcome. Bring your dancing shoes. Cheers!" The king showed the way by asking his spouse for the past 37 years, German-born Queen Silvia, up for a dance on a huge plastic floor laid out on the cobbled courtyard. Carl XVI Gustaf, whose father died in an airplane accident in 1947, succeeded his grandfather Gustav VI Adolf in 1973. A survey of 1,000 Swedes published by the Social Democrat-leaning newspaper Aftonbladet in January showed 60 percent supporting Carl XVI Gustaf relinquishing his duties to his oldest daughter, 36-year-old Victoria.

Saudi Arabia to compete for first time at Oscars

RIYADH (AFP) - Saudi Arabia, where cinemas are banned, is to compete for an Oscar for the first time next year with feminist film "Wadjda" directed by Haifaa al-Mansour, a Saudi official announced Sunday.

The movie tells of a young girl's quest to own a bicycle in the ultra-conservative Muslim kingdom where women are deprived of many rights, among them driving.

"Wadjda" will represent Saudi Arabia at the Oscars, competing for the best foreign-language film, in a first for the kingdom," Sultan al-Bazie,

who heads the Saudi Arabian Society for Culture and Arts, told AFP.

The decision follows "the success which the film and its director have achieved at several international festivals," he said.

Directed by Saudi Arabia's first female filmmaker and shot entirely in the Gulf state, the film won best Arabic feature award at the Dubai Film Festival last year and picked up an award in Cannes in March.

"Wadjda" was co-produced by Germany's Razor Film and several Saudi companies, in-

cluding Rotana Studios which is linked to a member of the royal family.

But the film, first released in France, will only be seen in the kingdom on DVD or on television.

Mansour has said she was forced to direct what is her first feature film from a van with a walkie-talkie in some of the more conservative districts where she could not be seen in public together with male crew and cast members.

In certain areas, screaming local residents would obstruct shooting altogether.

Women in Saudi Arabia

cannot travel abroad or appear without a guardian in public places where males and females mix.

The kingdom remains the only country where women are banned from driving. They must also cover from head to toe when in public, among other restrictions.

In April, local media reported that religious authorities have allowed Saudi women to cycle on condition that a male relative or guardian is present with them while they ride.

They must also wear a long traditional black abaya cloak.

Cuban bishops make big appeal for change



HAVANA (AFP) - Cuban bishops appealed to the government for political reform and continued economic change Sunday in their most direct plea in decades.

The Cuban Bishops Con-

ference made its request in a letter published on their website. It also asked for better ties with the United States.

Cuba under President Raul Castro has tinkered with pro-market economic change since he took over from his brother Fidel in 2006 to head the hemisphere's only communist country.

The bishops said: "As has been happening in the economic realm, we think it es-

sential in our Cuban reality that our national legislation with regard to the political order be brought up to date."

The letter was entitled "Hope does not disappoint."

The letter marked the bishops' most direct appeal to the government since one published in 1993 at the height of an economic crisis here that was triggered by the collapse of the Soviet Union, which had been Cuba's economic lifeline.

Under Raul Castro, the Catholic church has been the only organization that in effect negotiates with the Havana government.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded get-



away, we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when

complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com

for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

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--Continuing with our en route to the World Cup, Brazil 2014 we'll present today #4- of the best 20 defenders of all time list with **Daniel Passarella** who with his talent and skill contributed greatly to his national team.

Daniel Alberto Passarella (born 25 May 1953) is a former Argentine football centre back and former manager of the Argentine and Uruguayan national football teams.

He began his career at Club Atlético Sarmiento de Junín, from there he joined River Plate, then Fiorentina of Italy and briefly, Internazionale. After his successful spell in the Serie A, he returned to River Plate, where he played until his retirement.

He was called "El Gran Capitán" (the Great Captain, nickname of Argentine Inde-

pendence hero José de San Martín) or "El Kaiser" (an allusion to Franz Beckenbauer) because of his leadership ability, his passion, and his organisational prowess on the field. He was a defender who often joined the attack, and helped generate and finish offensive plays. At some point, he became football's top scoring defender, with 134 goals in 451 matches (that record was since broken by Dutch defender Ronald Koeman).

Appointed as coach of the Argentine national team to replace Alfio Basile, Passarella was coach during the qualification games for the 1998 World Cup and during the competition itself, which was held in France. Passarella held to close friend Américo Gallego as assistant coach. Passarella had banned long hair, earrings and homosexuals in

his squad, leading to disputes with several players.

After the elimination (by the Netherlands), Passarella left the post and was replaced by Marcelo Bielsa.

Passarella then became coach of Uruguay, but he left the post during the qualifying games for the 2002 FIFA World Cup, after having problems summoning players from Uruguayan sides.

After that episode, Passarella had a brief and unsuccessful period as coach of Parma in Italy in 2001.

In 2003, he won the Mexican football league title with the team CF Monterrey. In March 2004, he was named by Pelé as one of the top 125 greatest living footballers. He was then hired as coach of Corinthians in Brazil, but was fired after a few months after a spell of bad results.

On 9 January 2006, he was appointed River Plate coach again after 12 years to occupy the vacancy left by Reinaldo Merlo's sudden departure. On 15 November 2007, he resigned as coach after River was beaten by penalties by Arsenal de Sarandí in the semi-finals of the Copa Sudamericana 2007.

He is currently president of the River Plate sports club after winning the elections by a very close margin in December 2009.

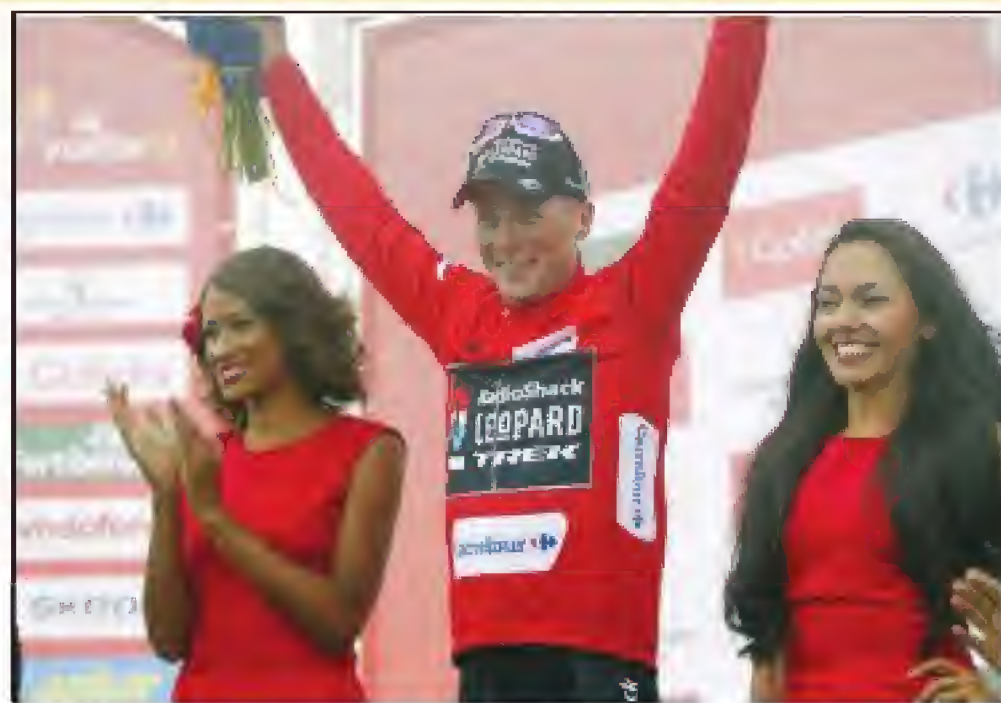
Cycling: American Chris Horner wins Tour of Spain

MADRID (AFP) - American Chris Horner became the oldest ever winner of a cycling grand tour as the 41-year-old rubber stamped his victory in the Tour of Spain in Madrid on Sunday.

Australian Michael Matthews won the 21st stage of the race around the capital's city centre in a bunch sprint ahead of American Tyler Farrar and German Nikias Arndt.

Horner finished 47th but maintained his 37 second advantage over Italian Vincenzo Nibali with Spain's Alejandro Valverde taking third.

"I knew how hard it was going to be for this team to win the Tour of Spain,"



Horner told a press conference on Saturday.

"I have faced younger and great riders like Nibali, Valverde and Joaquim Ro-

driguez. They have had a great tour so for me it is a legendary moment that may not be repeated.

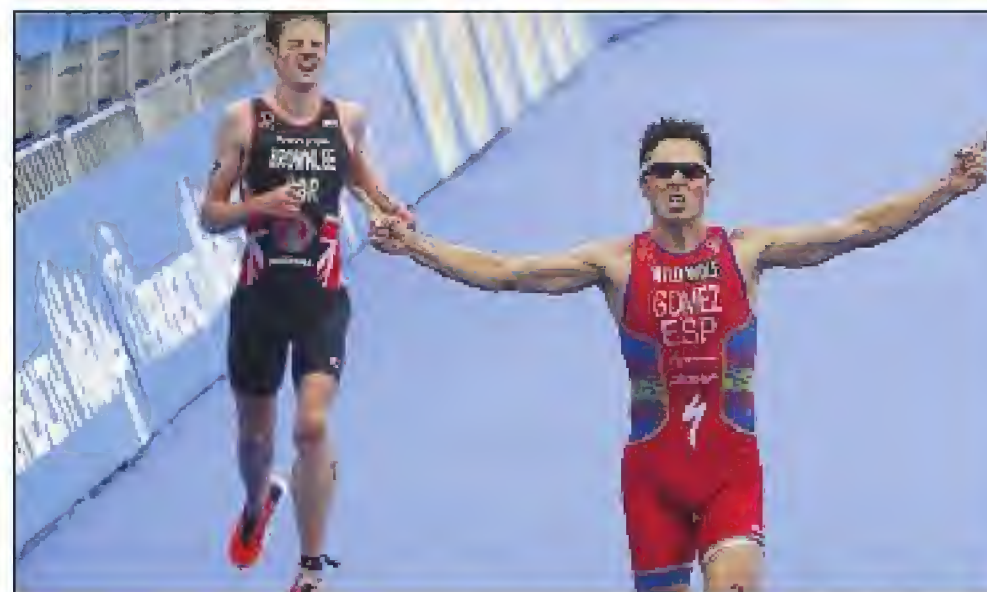
"I know I am also the first

LeBron James marries



-- The NBA star and his longtime love Savannah Brinson said "I do" at the luxurious Grand Del Mar hotel Saturday night and then Jay and Bey reportedly belted out "Crazy in Love" for the after party. James' teammate Dwayne Wade and girlfriend Gabrielle Union were also there, as well as Carmelo Anthony and La La Vazquez. LeBron James and Savannah have been together 12 years and have two sons.

Triathlon: Gomez holds nerve to take world title



LONDON (AFP) - Spain's Javier Gomez won a sprint finish with Britain's Jonny Brownlee to claim his third World Triathlon Grand Final crown in London's Hyde Park on Sunday.

Brownlee finished second in

the race and in the world series but his brother Alistair's hopes of a third world title were ended by an ankle injury.

The 25-year-old led the standings going into the race but was severely compromised on the 10 kilometre run, which is usually his strongest leg.

Alistair completed the race but he was knocked out of the overall top three, with Spain's Mario Mola taking the third spot on the podium.

The Brownlees and Gomez all emerged from the swim near the front of the pack.

A lead group of 13 formed on the bike, with the brothers shouting at the other riders to make sure the pace stayed high.

For a while the Olympic champion looked to have settled into a rhythm and he climbed back to fifth, but the pain clearly became too much and he dropped well back.

Jonny and Gomez were locked together, with both knowing only victory would be enough to give either of them the title, and it was the Spaniard who found the energy for one last push to the finish line.

North American to win the Tour of Spain and this makes me very proud of my work and above all that of my teammates."

Horner also won the combined classification, whilst Valverde took the green jersey for the winner of the points classification.

Cofidis rider Nicholas Edet rounded off a generally successful tour for French riders as he was crowned king of the mountains and in their final grand tour before a revamp fronted by Formula One driver Fernando Alonso, Basque team Euskaltel-Euskadi won the team classification.

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EUROBasket: Serbia down France to make European last-eight

LJUBLJANA (AFP) - Serbia head into the quarter-finals of the European basketball championship as a top seed after finishing top of their second round group on Sunday.

They were joined into the final eight by Lithuania, France and Ukraine.

Serbia beat France 77-65 to finish Group E with a 4-1 record.

The Serbs were paced by 19 points, four rebounds and four assists by Nenad Krstic while Bogdan Bogdanovic had 14 points and five rebounds.

France dropped to 3-2 and finished third despite Nicolas Batum, Nando De Colo, Alexis

Ajinca and Boris Diaw all scoring 12 points. Tony Parker had eight points.

Serbia placed ahead of Lithuania on the strength of their victory over the Lithuanians on the first day of the tournament.

Lithuania were also 4-1 and took second by knocking off Ukraine 70-63 thanks to Linas Kleiza scoring 15 points and Donatas Motiejunas hitting for 10 points.

Ukraine, who will be hosting the 2015 European Championship, were paced by 18 points from Sergiy Gladyr while Eugene Jeter added 10 points and eight assists.

The eastern Europeans were making their first appearance in the second round and now are in the top eight.

Ukraine actually already moved into the final eight before their game when Belgium knocked off Latvia 60-56.

Sacha Massot had 15 points as well as a blocked shot and big dunk in the final half-minute in helping already-eliminated Belgium secure their first victory in the second round.

Latvia were hoping to reach the quarter-finals for the first time since 2001 but 10 points and 11 rebounds from Rolands Freimanis were not enough.

Waiting to play that quartet of teams are three teams from Group F already through to the knockout stage in Croatia, Slovenia and Italy.

The final quarter-final team and the match-ups for Wednesday's and Thursday's knockout games will be determined on Monday, when the second group stage comes to a close.

Croatia (3-1) face Greece (1-3) followed by two-time reigning champions Spain (2-2) taking on Italy (2-2) and then Slovenia (3-1) playing against Finland (1-3) in the last game.

Baseball: Balentien breaks Japan home-run record

TOKYO (AFP) - Former US major leaguer Wladimir Balentien slammed his 56th and 57th home runs of the season Sunday to break a Japanese league record first set by Japan's home-run king Sadaharu Oh 49 years ago.

Balentien, a 39-year-old native of the Dutch Caribbean island of Curacao, cracked a two-run homer in the first inning and a solo homer in the third, powering the Yakult Swallows to a 9-0 win over the visitors Hanshin Tigers in a Central League game at Tokyo's Jingu Stadium.

Oh hit 55 home-runs in 1964. The record was tied by American Tuffy Rhodes in 2001 and Venezuelan Alex Cabrera in 2002.

Oh belted 368 career home-runs over 21 years until 1980 with Tokyo's Yomiuri Giants, a Japanese record.

"I can't believe what was going on. There was a great feeling. I think I can't feel that ever again in my life," Balentien, who is in his third year with the Swallows, told the cheering crowd of 30,300 at the flood-lit stadium.

At a news conference later, he said he had a "lot of respect" for Oh.

"To be able to tie him and pass him, it is something very special for me," the left-fielder said.

Oh, 73, now chairman of the Pacific Club team Softbank



Hawks, said: "It's overwhelming that he has hit a home-run at a rate of one for two games. I am looking forward to seeing how far he will go."

Balentien played three seasons in the US major leagues - the Seattle Mariners in 2007-2009 and the Cincinnati Reds in 2009. After playing for a minor-league team, he moved to Japan in 2011.

He batted .221 with 15 home runs in 511 at-bats in the major leagues.

Balentien, who played for the Netherlands in this year's World Baseball Classic, tied

the Japanese home-run record in his 109th game of the season and broke the record in his 113th.

His record was set in a season marred by controversy over the introduction of a bouncer ball to liven up the game.

After months of denial and a huge surge in home-runs, the Nippon Professional Baseball organisation admitted in June it had secretly changed specifications of the ball to give it greater bounce off the bat and demanded its manufacturer keep quiet about the switch.

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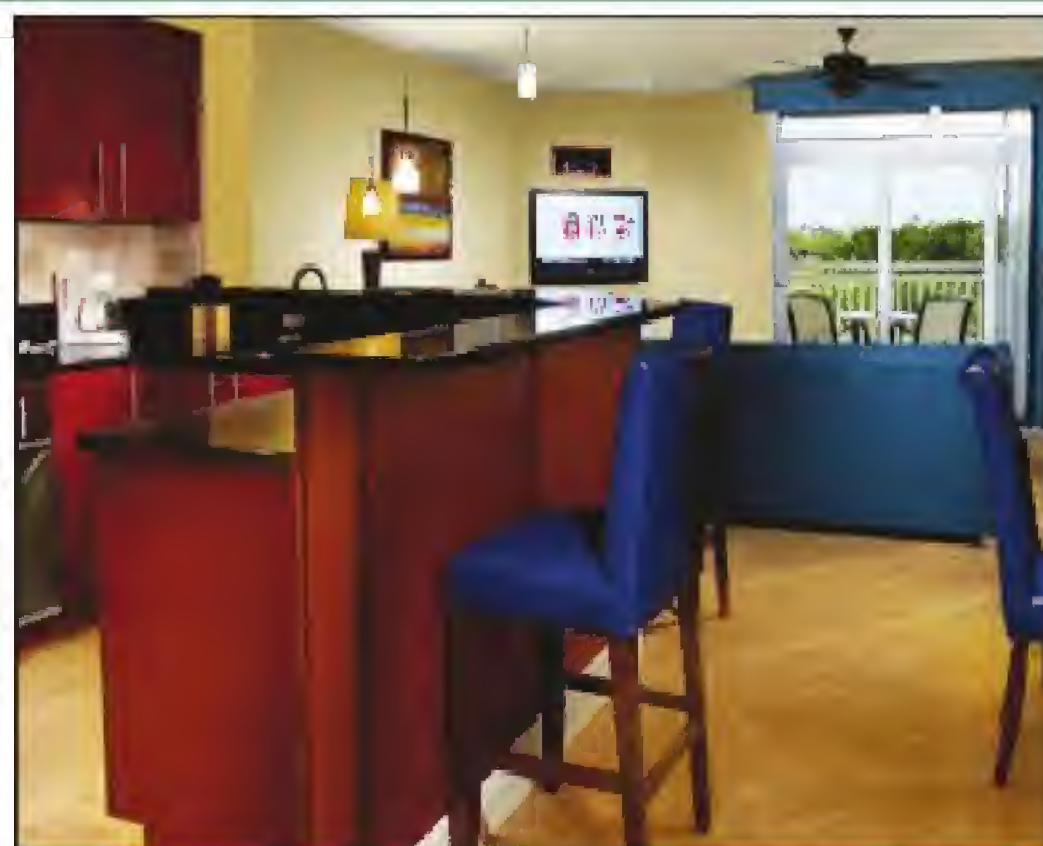
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Mayweather beats Alvarez by majority decision



LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Pound-for-pound king Floyd Mayweather stretched his unbeaten string to 45 straight fights with a 12-round majority decision over Mexican champ Saul Alvarez on Saturday.

The 36-year-old, who earned the biggest purse in boxing history at \$41 million, managed to win the showdown between the two undefeated fighters and wrest Alvarez's World Boxing Council and World Boxing Association super welterweight belts.

Mayweather fought a brilliant tactical fight against the younger and stronger Alvarez in front of the crowd of 16,746 at the MGM Grand Hotel's Grand Garden Arena.

He used his jab and superior hand speed to keep Alvarez at bay, but Mayweather still only managed to win on two of the three judge's scorecards.

Judge CJ Ross surprisingly scored it a draw, 114-114, while Craig Metcalfe had it 117-111 and Dave Moretti scored it 116-112 in favour of

Mayweather.

Mayweather gave away 13 years in age and 15 pounds to the younger and stronger Alvarez, who moved down in weight for the showdown.

Mayweather came into the fight at 150 pounds, just a couple pounds lighter than he was at Friday's weigh in.

Alvarez was first to step into the ring, followed by Mayweather, who walked slowly into the sold-out arena flanked by rap artist Lil Wayne and Canadian teen heartthrob Justin Bieber.

The Mexican fighter entered the fight at 165, 13 pounds heavier than he was at Friday's weigh in.

Alvarez, who turned pro at age of 15 in 2005, suffered the first loss of his career.

Mayweather connected on three times as many jabs (139-44) as Alvarez and landed almost double the number of total punches, 232-117.

This was the second in Mayweather's six-bout, 30-month contract with Showtime that could pay him more than \$200 million.

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